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In Re application of:

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For: **Identification and selection of locks for use with keys**  
**Application Number 10/524,333**

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY MAILED 30TH MARCH 2007**

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Sir

In response to your Office Action would you please Cancel Claims 1 through 20 and add new Claims 59 through 91 provided on the attached Claim Listing.

Please note that the claim set has been substantially modified to better define the invention. These claims are similar to those we used in granted UK Patent GB 2411691.

The specification has also been amended to meet your previous objections and to better equate to the new claims.

A marked up copy of the specification with deletions struck through and additions underlined is attached.

The required headings have been included apart from the abstract that has not been changed and the Sequence Listing that is not applicable.

The field of the invention and a description of the related art have been added.

A brief summary of the invention has been added to better clarify the invention as now claimed.

A description of the drawings is now included.

Paragraphs 1-8 and 19-22 have been deleted.

Preceding former paragraph 23 is an added description that comprehensively covers the new claim set.

The content of former paragraphs 23 – 248 remain unaltered, however, their number has changed in the clean version of the new specification.

A clean copy of the new specification with renumbered paragraphs is attached.

The term “Personally Portable Device” is used in the new specification and claims. While not specifically used in the original specification, the original is clearly describing such a device by way of description, drawings and examples (eg key ring). This is to distinguish the invention from non-personally portable devices (eg a trolley).

The term Key Grouping Mechanism is used in the claims and the specification in lieu of key Grouping Means to avoid the potential ambiguity of the term means. Clearly the description and drawings depict and key grouping mechanism.

I trust that these changes meet with your approval and that the claim set now defines an invention that is acceptable to you.

Yours Sincerely

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